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ABSTRACT

Vocational educators seeking curriculum materials, lesson plans, classroom activities, and other instructional materials can locate them in a variety of places. The ERIC database is a good source of information about the following instructional and resource materials: curricula, project descriptions, lesson plans, classroom activities, task lists, and guidelines for developing curricula. ERIC can be searched on the World Wide Web and at most university, state, and resource library centers. Networking with colleagues and participating in listservs such as CAREERTECH, which is maintained by the National Dissemination Center for Career and Technical Education, are two excellent ways to find and obtain recommendations for materials. Another great source of information for vocational-technical educators is the World Wide Web, which includes websites of many commercial and nonprofit publishers and the Vocational Education Resources site. (A 32-item annotated bibliography constituting approximately 75% of this document lists the following: addresses of 9 commercial publishers and subjects covered by their publications; 5 curriculum labs; 3 curriculum consortia; 4 curriculum developers; 6 state/regional resource centers; 4 miscellaneous sources of vocational education materials; and 2 related resources.) (MN)

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Locating Vocational Education Materials

Finding curriculum materials, lesson plans, classroom activities, and other instructional materials in vocational education can be complex and time consuming. This Digest updates earlier ones (Wagner 1994, 1996) and includes a variety of sources–commercial, nonprofit, state, and Web based–for instructional materials. In includes information about finding materials in ERIC and through networking and lists some sources for borrowing and buying materials.

ERIC

The ERIC database is a good source of information about instructional materials. A search will lead you to curricula, project descriptions, lesson plans, classroom activities, task lists, and other resources. The database also includes materials on how to develop curricula. You can search ERIC on the World Wide Web <eric.it.syr.edu/Eric/> and at most university, state, and resource center libraries. Staff at the ERIC Clearinghouse on Adult, Career, and Vocational Education (ERIC/ACVE) will conduct a sample search for you. Contact ERIC/ACVE, 1900 Kenny Road, Columbus OH 43210-1090; 800/848-4815, ext. 28625; fax: 614/292-1260; e-mail: ericacve@postbox.acs.ohio-state.edu; <ericacve.org>.

Networking and Listservs

Networking is an excellent way to find information and materials. Talking to colleagues about their successes and failures in finding materials and their most and least favorite resources provides educators with valuable leads. Listservs such as CAREERTECH <careertech@lists.acs.ohio-state.edu>, maintained by the National Dissemination Center for Career and Technical Education, are excellent for getting recommendations for materials. Subscribers are very willing to share their expertise and experiences. Other listservs of interest include those for business education <nbeal@vml.cc.uakron.edu>, technology education <technology-edu@unixg.ubc.ca>, school-to-work <stw-l@ed.gov>, and training and development <trdev-l@psu>.

World Wide Web

The World Wide Web is another great source of information for vocational/technical educators. Many commercial and nonprofit publishers–some of which listed here–have websites that describe their products. Vocational Education Resources <pegasus.cc.ucf.edu/sorg/vocation.html> consists of annotated links that will lead you to a wealth of resources.

The following list of agencies that offer materials for loan and/or sale is by no means exhaustive. Rather, it is intended to help educators get started in their search for resources. It includes commercial publishers, curriculum laboratories, curriculum consortia, and state and national resource centers.

Commercial Publishers

American Association for Vocational Instructional Materials
220 Smithonia Rd
Winterville GA 30683
800/228-4689; fax: 706/742-7005
www.aavim.com
Communication skills, agriscience, construction, electricity, engines, performance-based teacher education, consumer & life science, technology and industrial education. Print, videotapes, CD-ROMs, and multimedia.

American Technical Publishers
1155 W 17th St
Homewood IL 60430-4600
800/323-3471; fax: 708/957-1137
www.americantech.org/main.cfm
Boilers, building trades, culinary arts, electrical trades, graphics, maintenance, math, metal trades, power/energy, teacher education, Chilton repair manuals. Print, videotape, workbooks, resource guides, CD-ROMs, transparencies.

Educational Activities Inc
PO Box 392
Freeport NY 11520
800/645-3739; fax: 516/623-9282
www.edact.com/homepage.cfm
Math, reading and vocabulary, life skills, Internet training, maps and globes, biology and earth science, health. Computer-based materials, activity cards, CD-ROMs, multimedia, videos.

Glencoe/McGraw-Hill
Customer Service Dept.
PO Box 544
Blacklick OH 43004-0544
800-334-7344 fax: 614-755-5682
www.glencoe.com/
Computer education, allied health, criminal justice, trade/technical education, business communication, student success, business, office technology, adult basic education.

Interstate Publishers Inc
PO Box 50
Danville IL 61834
800/843-4774; 217/446-9706
www.ippinc.com/~info-ipp/
Agriscience, technology education articulated curriculum, florist, aquaculture, turf management, horsemanship, animal science, farm management, soils, farm animals.

The School Co.
Dept W99
PO Box 9117
Jackson WY 83002
800/543-0998; fax: 800/518-2514
www.schoolco.com/
Career pathway assessment, tech prep, job search, applied math, successful work habits, entrepreneurship, communication, safety, critical thinking and problem solving. Multimedia, CD-ROM, posters, videos, software

ShopWare
PO Box 2708 Dept F2
Charleston WV 25330
800/487-3392; fax: 800/900-5172
Engines, aerodynamics, aeronautics, food service. Multimedia, CD-ROM.

South-Western Educational Publishing
7625 Empire Dr
Florence KY 41042
800/354-9706; fax: 800/487-8488
www.swep.com/
Webmaster training, business, career development, computer education, school-to-careers, health, office technology. Software, workbooks, videos, self-study modules.

Technomic Publishing Co.
851 New Holland Ave
PO Box 3535
Lancaster PA 17602
800/233-9936; 717/291-5609
fax: 717/295-4538
www.techpub.com
Education reform, decision making, administration, technology, leadership, finance, assessment, school-to-work, at-risk, professional development. Print, videotapes, handbooks.

Curriculum Labs

Curriculum Materials Service (CMS)
254 Agricultural Administration Building
2120 Fyffe Rd
Columbus OH 43210-1067
614/292-4848; fax: 800/292-4919
a1254-5.ag.ohio-state.edu/OCMS/OCMS.html
All aspects of agricultural education. Software, videos, slides.

Curriculum Publications Clearinghouse
Western Illinois University
46 Horrabin Hall
Macomb IL 61455
800/322-3905; fax: 309/293-2869
www.wiu.edu/users/micpc/
Applied technology, agriculture, business, marketing & management, health, family and consumer sciences, tech prep workplace skills & career development, administration & supervision, special needs.

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Instructional Materials Laboratory
University of Missouri-Columbia
2316 Industrial Dr
Columbia MO 65202
800/669-2465; fax: 573/882-1992
www.iml.coe.missouri.edu/
Academics, agriculture, business education, career guidance and school-to-work, family and consumer sciences, health occupations, industrial education, marketing and cooperative education, special populations, teacher resources, technology. Instructor guides, student workbooks, reference materials, CD-ROMs, videotapes.

Instructional Materials Service
Texas A&M University
Mail Stop 2588
College Station TX 77843-2588
409/845-6601; fax: 409/845-6608
www-ims.tamu.edu/
All aspects of agriculture and trade and industrial education.

Vocational Instructional Materials Lab (VIML)
Center on Education and Training for Employment
1900 Kenny Rd
Columbus OH 43210-1090
800/848-4815 ext. 28300
fax: 614/292-1260
www.cete.org/products/main/index.html
Integration, family and consumer science, professional development, career cluster instructional support materials, technical assistance/training. Computer-assisted materials, CD-ROM, multimedia.

Curriculum Consortia

Many consortia produce materials for a single state or group of states. The materials are available for sale to anyone.

Curriculum and Instructional Materials Center (CIMC)
Oklahoma Department of Vocational and Technical Education
1500 W Seventh St
Stillwater OK 74074-4364
800/654-4502; fax: 405/743-5154
www.okvotech.org/cimc/
Workplace skills, agricultural education, business education, career information, school-to-work, technology education, family and consumer sciences, and health occupations. Software, videotapes, teacher and student guides.

Multistate Academic and Vocational Curriculum Consortium
1500 W Seventh Ave
Stillwater OK 74074
800/654-3988
www.mavcc.org/
Agricultural education, business/marketing, cosmetology, family and consumer science, health occupations, technology education, trade and industrial education, science. CD-ROMs, videotapes, print.

Vocational-Technical Education Consortium of States (V-TECS)
1866 Southern Lane
Decatur GA 30033-4097
800/248-7701 ext. 543
www.mindspring.com/~vtecs/products.htm
Competency-based outcome standards, curriculum materials, and assessment instruments. Print, software.

Other Curriculum Developers

Agency for Instructional Technology
Box A
Bloomington IN 47402-0120
800/457-4509; 812/339-2203
fax: 812/333-4278; www.ait.net/
Math, workplace readiness, communication, technology education, employability skills, school-to-work. Videotapes, videodiscs, software, print.

Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development
1250 N Pitt St
Alexandria VA 22314
800/933-2723; fax: 703/299-8631
www.ascd.org
Problem-based learning, curriculum integration, performance-based assessment, multiple intelligences, educational management. Print, CD-ROMs, videotapes, audiotapes.

Center on Education and Work
University of Wisconsin
964 Educational Sciences Building
1025 W Johnson St
Madison WI 53701-1796
800/446-0399; fax: 608/262-9197
www.cew.wisc.edu
School-to-work, career education, employability skills, integration. Print, videotapes, CD-ROMs.

CORD
PO Box 21206
Waco TX 76702-1206
800/972-2766; www.cord.org
Applied academics, math, automotive service technology, laser/electro-optics, computer technology certification. Print materials.

State/Regional Resource Centers

Many states have their own vocational/technical resource centers. A complete list of addresses for state departments of education is found at <www.iris.org/~nasdvtec/main.html>, <www.ed.gov/Programs/ERODmap.html>, or <www.ccsso.org/sea menu.html>; contact them directly for information about centers in your state.

Center on Education and Training for Employment
1900 Kenny Rd
Columbus OH 43210-1090
800/848-4815 ext. 26991
fax: 614/292-1260; cete.org/
Houses the Ohio tech prep, sex equity, and work force education libraries. Materials loaned to teachers within Ohio.

Curriculum Materials Library
Mason Library MS 3201
Keene State College
229 Main St
Keene NH 03435-3201
603/358-2750; fax: 603/358-2745
www.keene.edu/library/depts/cml.asp
Agriculture, business education, child care occupations, family and consumer sciences, health occupations, marketing and tourism, technology education, trade and industry. Lends materials to New Hampshire educators.

Illinois State Curriculum Center
Parkway Tech Centre
3430 Constitution Dr Ste 113-114
Springfield IL 62707
800/252-4822; fax: 217/206-6036
otel.uis.edu/iscc/index.htm
Lends task lists, resources on all aspects of vocational/technical/career education to anyone.

Pennsylvania Department of Education
Resource Center
333 Market St, 11th Fl
Harrisburg PA 17126-0333
800/992-2283; TTY: 717/783-8445
fax: 717/783-5420
www.pde.psu.edu/pderesrc.html
Provides vocational education and professional development materials to educators in the state.

Virginia Vocational Curriculum Resource Center
2002 Bremo Rd
Richmond VA 23226
804/673-3778; fax: 804/673-3798
sun.vvcrc.tec.va.us/ordering.html
Provides a variety of products and services to vocational-technical education programs in Virginia.

Western Curriculum Coordination Center
University of Hawaii Manoa
1776 University Ave, UA 2-7
Honolulu HI 96844-0001
808/956-7834
www2.hawaii.edu/wccc/wccc.html
A fee-based information service

Miscellaneous

Oklahoma Trade and Industrial Education
odvtews1.okvotech.org/ti/links.htm
Links to many websites offering resources.

Putnam Valley Central Schools
putwest.boces.org/standards.html
Provides links to K-12 educational standards and curriculum frameworks.

Vocational Education Resources
pegasus.cc.ucf.edu/~sorg/vocation.html
Offers links to many vocational education resources.

Workforce Preparation Curriculum Database
www.ncrcrd.iastate.edu/workprep/welcome.html
Sponsored by the North Central Regional Center for Rural Development, this database identifies materials developed by a variety of agencies.

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